

WATER USERS ASSOCIATION MEETING August 17, 1995 7:30

On August 17th the Water Committee Gary Sullivan, Russel Mayer, Shaun Pearson, James Mayer, Commissioner Larry Maycock, Lee Sim, John Larsen, Gertrudys Advins, Kerry Carpenter, Keith James was unable to attend.

They met at the home of Mr. Mayer at 7:30 p.m. Lee opened by saying that the meters have been in effect for 4 years and he stated he thought that this would solve the problem of water being over pumped but all it seems to be is a catch up game and they never really get on top of the problem. They don't have enough direct control with each water user, unless we go to court. He also stated that collecting special assessments are not working out. He suggested two alternatives that they should use. The first suggestion is that the district owns the meters and if the distribution would own all the meters, the commissioners would have to work more to take care of all the meters. A manhole would be dug where it would be locked and only the commissioner would be able to get to it. The draw back is the expense of a full time commissioner and installing the manholes. The second suggestion was to regulate the amount of land that is watered by taking an arial picture in mid-June and have results in July. They would then notify the water user to tell him that he is over watering his acreage right and to stop watering it. They would take an annual arial flight. If the water user does not quit watering that acreage they would have to take him to court. We will still need a commissioner for monitoring the land; commercial use and flood irrigating. The annual flight will also cost some money.

The hardest problem will be getting the water right with the right owner.

The board will meet again on the 7th of December and the state will try to have the cost of the flight, also the commissioners salary and description of his job. They also will be working on the water rights. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.